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The Senate met at 9:30 a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the Honorable JOHN ASHCROFT, a Senator from the State of Missouri.

PRAYER

The guest chaplain, the Reverend Dr. Neal T. Jones, Columbia Baptist Church, Falls Church, VA, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray:

Gracious Heavenly Father, we thank You for the support of our constituents: optimists, pessimists, and realists. We ask Your help in passing legislation that will meet the needs of all our people.

Save us from optimism that exaggerates human goodness and ignores evil capacities. Deliver us from pessimism that looks at light and calls it darkness. Deliver us from pessimism that cloaks the world in black. Also, take us beyond the borders of realism. We need more than diagnostic accuracy and cold verdicts of limited human insight.

We, therefore, ask You to raise us above optimism, pessimism, and realism to hope. Help us to trust You, the One before, after, and within—always in charge of history. We praise You for giving us existential usefulness because of eternal trust.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Thank you, Reverend Jones.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, March 9, 1995.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, section 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN ASHCROFT, a Senator from the State of Missouri, to perform the duties of the Chair.

STROM THURMOND,
President pro tempore.

Mr. ASHCROFT thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, this morning the leader time is reserved, and there will now be a period for the transaction of routine morning business until the hour of 11 a.m. with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 5 minutes each with the following Senators to speak for up to the designated times: Senator THOMAS 10 minutes; Senator BAUCUS for 25 minutes; Senator DASCHLE for 30 minutes; Senator MCCONNELL for 10 minutes; and Senator BREAUX for 15 minutes.

At the hour of 11 a.m. the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 889, the supplemental appropriations bill.

We expect rollcall votes throughout the day and into the evening.

I am not certain how many amendments are pending. I guess it depends upon the disposition of one particular amendment. We will see what happens as we hopefully make progress on this important bill today.

MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction

of morning business for not to extend beyond the hour of 11 a.m. with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 5 minutes each.

Mr. THOMAS addressed the Chair.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Wyoming.

Mr. THOMAS. I thank the Chair.

(The remarks of Mr. THOMAS pertaining to the introduction of S. 518 are located in today's RECORD under "Statements on Introduced Bills and Joint Resolutions.")

Mr. BAUCUS addressed the Chair.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Montana.

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, what is the pending business?

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senate is conducting morning business. The Senator from Montana is recognized to speak for up to 25 minutes.

Mr. BAUCUS. I thank the Chair.

(The remarks of Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. CONRAD, and Mr. DASCHLE pertaining to the introduction of the legislation are located in today's RECORD under "Statements on Introduced Bills and Joint Resolutions.")

Mr. DASCHLE addressed the Chair.

(The remarks of Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. BUMPERS, Mr. KOHL, and Mr. FORD, pertaining to the introduction of S. 519 are located in today's RECORD under "Statements on Introduced Bills and Joint Resolutions.")

Mr. MCCONNELL addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senator from Kentucky is recognized to speak for up to 10 minutes.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I thank the Chair.

LEGAL REFORM

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, the House of Representatives is in the

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